

## FROM THE CITY HALL.

SEVERAL COMMITTEES TRANSACT BUSINESS REFERRED TO THEM.

The Gas Consumed During the Last Month.  
The New Rules go in Force—Sewer Contracts Awarded.

The Committee on Light held its monthly meeting last evening at 6 o'clock in room No. 5 of the City Hall. There were present Chairman Gunn, and Messrs. Taylor, George B. Davis, Gibson, Gaines, Mann, and Hardwick.

The report of Superintendent Adams was received for the past month. It showed that during the month of March 18,572,000 cubic feet of gas were made, against 21,249,000 during the corresponding month last year. During that period 18,637,500 cubic feet of gas were consumed, against 21,257,479 in the month of March, 1893. The sum of \$32,46 was received for coke during the month, as against \$6,664 in the corresponding month of last year.

The report also shows that during the month of March 11,723,000 cubic feet of water gas were made. The following articles were used for the manufacture of the same: \$2,28 gallons of oil, 474,946 pounds of coke, 141,846 pounds of steam coal.

Mr. Davis offered a resolution providing that on and after May 1st the salaries of the gas inspectors be paid by the City Auditor, instead of by warrants of the committee.

A communication was received from Mr. John Armitage, wherein the writer proposes to purchase a patent scrubber at an expense of \$6,000, expecting the city to furnish him in lieu with tar and ammonia equivalent to that amount. On motion of Mr. Grimes the matter was laid on the table.

The pay-roll for the month was approved, and the usual number of bills ordered to be paid. On motion of Mr. Gibson the committee decided that the electric light at the corner of Bivalde and China streets be removed to the corner of Rowe and Howard streets.

TRANSACTED ROUTINE BUSINESS.

The Committee on Finance met yesterday morning at 11 o'clock in the State Bank building and transacted the usual amount of routine business.

WILL BE ENFORCED TO-DAY.

Beginning with to-day the new rules will be enforced, which were recently adopted by the Committee on Grounds and Buildings. Under these rules the seven janitors of the City Hall will be on duty every week from 3 P. M. until midnight.

The three elevator men are now clad in their new blue uniforms.

HAD NO QUOTATION.

A called meeting of the Committee on Water was to have been held in the City Hall at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, but as only Messrs. W. White and John Mann, Jr., responded to the summons, the meeting adjourned until 6 o'clock this afternoon.

The Governor declined yesterday to release Mrs. Robins, knowing full well that he could not do anything for her. Mrs. Robins had come here from Tazewell county for the purpose of petitioning the Governor to pardon her husband, who is now serving a sentence in the penitentiary.

The Governor had looked into the case of Mrs. Robins' husband, and learning that Robins attempted to escape from the penitentiary on Monday morning, saw it would not do to pardon him, no matter how earnestly the wife might plead for his release. So he sent her word she could accomplish nothing by an intervention.

Mrs. Robins then asked permission to visit her husband in prison. The Governor replied that Superintendent Lynn had ample authority to admit her.

## TO INVESTIGATE THE DIFFICULTIES.

The special committee appointed during the last session of the Legislature in regard to the recent difficulties at Tangier sound, will take up its work next Tuesday evening. The two committees will meet at Old Point, and then they will start the next morning to go over the ground. They will subsequently go to Accomac Court-house to take the necessary depositions. Judge R. H. Cardwell, the chairman of the Virginia special committee, yesterday received the visit of Mr. Carter, of the Maryland committee, who came to complete the arrangements for the conference.

## BROUGHT NINE CONVICTS.

City Sergeant T. L. Dernin, of Norfolk, called at the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts yesterday, after delivering at the penitentiary the following convicts:

W. E. Turner, white, sentenced to ten years imprisonment for a felony; Eddie Bannister, colored, sentenced to five years for grand larceny; Jno. Roberts and Jasper Gilliam, both colored, sentenced to five years for house-breaking; Julius Jordan, colored, sentenced to five years for burglary; J. T. Hickman, white, sentenced to one year for felonious assault; Jno. Williams, colored, sentenced to one year for grand larceny; Ada Cadney, colored, sentenced to two years for house-breaking; Estella Norman, sentenced to one year for felonious cutting.

Judge Minor yesterday admitted Messrs. Henry A. Atkinson, Jr., L. C. Bristow, and Giles R. Jackson to the practice of law in the Law and Equity Court.

The jury was called yesterday morning and adjourned until this morning at 11 o'clock.

The following suits were instituted: Annie Evans vs. E. P. Ford, suit in chancery; E. N. Thomas vs. James H. Hayes and Edw. Stuart for \$125.

In the case of Mary Jane Mayo vs. the Virginia Building and Loan Company an injunction was granted.

CIRCUIT COURT.

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Centenary's Junior Preacher.

Rev. R. H. Bennett, who transferred this week from the Baltimore Methodist Conference to the Virginia Conference and stationed as junior preacher at Centenary church, in this city, will go to Danville next week to assist Rev. Mr. Lipscomb in a revival service.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church, South, will meet in Memphis about the first of May next. Rev. Dr. Sledd is a delegate from the Virginia Conference, and Mr. Bennett will fill his pulpit during his absence.

## FOR Richmond Factory Girls.

Wednesday's Charlottesville Progress says:

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Barksdale of Richmond, were here yesterday looking for a farm of seventy-five or eighty acres near some railway station in Albemarle, on which they desire to establish a summer home, and resorted to by Richmond factory girls. These represent the various churches in Richmond, which have united in the effort to establish this home.

HUNTING COUNT.

A suit was instituted yesterday in the Circuit Court by Stokes & Simmons against German Kern, for \$22,57; action for debt.

The following judgments were rendered yesterday:

Commonwealth of Virginia vs. D. H. Tucker and securities, for \$30,32.

Same against R. E. Field, for \$102,48.

Same against George W. Morehead, for \$50.

Same against J. C. Wyser, administrator of George Morehead, deceased, for \$50.

In the case of Charles L. Blankenship against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, on motion of the defendant an order was entered for special jury for this morning.

WILLIAM DEBRICK, assault and battery, fined \$5.

Ed. S. Holmes and Frank Walker, alias Frank Edder, petit larceny in each case. Each sent to jail for five months.

William Price, charged with shooting in a place of public resort. Fined \$5 and fifteen days in jail.

NEWS FOR SECRET ORDER MEN.

Many Degrees to be Conferred Next Week.

The Scottish Rite

The annual convocation of the Scottish Rite bodies of Richmond begins next Monday at 4 o'clock P. M., at St. Albans Hall, Mr. Thomas Whittet, the master of Libertas Lodge of Perfection, has issued a circular notice in which he gives the following agenda for Monday:

Ceremony of laying the Lodge in full according the minutes of the last regular and called meetings; balloting on the petitions; election of senior warden.

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The religious services now in progress at the tabernacle attract large crowds and the members of the young Men's Christian Association. The visitors are mostly stop in front of the bust of Rev. Moses D. Hoge, which stands in the office of Secretary. The bust was executed by Mr. Fred. Mayhew of Atlanta.

A committee to draw up suitable constitutions and by-laws was appointed and engaged to report at the next meeting.

The following officers were elected:

Dr. Hugh McGuire, Virginia, president; Dr. Charles M. Alfred, Ohio, vice-president; Dr. Robert C. Randolph, Virginia, secretary.

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